

## CURRENT TOPICS.

### THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

#### FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

In the Senate on the 18th, the death of Mrs. Cochrane, wife of Senator Cochrane of Missouri, was formally referred to in the chaplain's opening prayer. Numerous remonstrances against the proper recognition of the Wilson tariff bill were presented and referred. The remainder of the day was taken up in the discussion of the various phases of the Hawaiian question. In the House, the democratic majority finally secured a quorum. Mr. Bland's Hawaiian resolution was laid on the table and the report of the end session on rules governing the debate on the Wilson tariff bill was introduced and the bill was taken up. Mr. Wilson declining the opening address.

In the Senate on the 19th, Mr. Lodge presented a petition asking an inquiry into the violations of the eight-hour law. Other unimportant matters were discussed. The House adjourned at 2:30. The House adjourned at 2:30. The House adjourned at 2:30.

In the Senate on the 19th, the only thing of interest aside from the discussion of the question of public buildings for such appropriations had been made had not been commenced. A speech by Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on the Hawaiian question, was made. The House adjourned at 2:30.

In the Senate on the 19th, several bills of secondary importance were taken up and passed, and at the conclusion of the morning session, at 1 p. m., Mr. Davis took the floor and resumed and concluded his speech on Mr. Frey's resolution declaring the Hawaiian intervention in the government of Hawaii illegal. He spoke two hours and was followed by Mr. Thurston. In the House, after the discussion of the Hawaiian question, the House adjourned at 2:30.

In the Senate on the 19th, the petition for and against the Wilson tariff bill were presented. A resolution was adopted calling upon the secretary of the treasury to inform the Senate of the amount of the Wilson tariff bill. A lengthy executive session was held, after which the Senate adjourned at 2:30.

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## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

### From Washington.

Senator Charles D. Drake, of Missouri, who was elected to the Fifty-third Congress, passed into the hands of receivers on the 11th. The group of mines included the Colby, Tilden, Adams and Connel in Michigan, and the Superior in Wisconsin on the Gogebic range.

The popular state central committee of Kansas has decided to abandon the idea of nominating a candidate for United States senator. On looking over the law in the case it was discovered that the Australian ballot law prohibits the printing of anything on the ticket but the names of candidates and the title of the ticket.

A sensational arrest was made at Tempe, Ariz., on the 11th, when Harry Hamilton, superintendent of the city workhouse, and Charles King, a saloonkeeper, were arrested on a charge of robbing J. T. Tribble, a merchant of Tempe, Ariz., of \$300 while drunk.

A cable dispatch has been received at the Hawaiian legation in Washington, D. C., on the 11th, from Vancouver, B. C., that Mr. Thurston was en route back to this country on the City of Peking.

Sensational charges have been preferred against Mrs. Louise Lightfoot, matron of the county infirmary at Findlay, O., by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty. She is charged with having sealed John Fletcher, an inmate, with boiling water, and afterward applying a mustard plaster to his head.

Is the district court at Salina, Kas., on the 11th, the case of Adams vs. The City of Salina was concluded and the jury returned a verdict allowing two dollars damages to Adams (colored) for the loss of his son, who was hanged by a mob last April. Adams sued for \$5,000.

The widow of William Makepeace Thackeray, the distinguished English author, died on the 11th, of apoplexy at Adel Lodge, Leigh, Essex, a private asylum, where she had been living for the past forty years.

Mrs. CAROLINE TALBOT, the Quakeress who has preached all over the United States and England during the last twenty-five years, died, on the 11th, at Mount Pleasant, O.

With fitting yet simple ceremony, Hon. Frank D. Johnson was inaugurated as governor of Iowa at Des Moines, on the 11th, succeeding Hon. Horace Boies.

DISPATCHES received from Rio Janeiro, on the 11th, state that five men were killed by the bursting of a cannon on the insurgent war ship Almirante Tamandare.

The mothers of Gallipolis, O., have gone out on a strike, caused by a reduction of 10 per cent. in their wages. The trouble promises to be of long duration.

A DISPATCH dated Pernambuco says that the crew of the dynamite cruiser Nietheroy refuse to further serve on her unless their wages are paid in advance.

The United States cruiser San Francisco, the flagship of Rear-Admiral Benham, arrived at Rio Janeiro on the 11th.

ROBERT E. PRESTON, nominated to be director to the mint, was confirmed on the 11th.

The joint committee at Antwerp was burned on the 11th, loss, \$200,000.

## LATE NEWS ITEMS.

The Senate was not in session on the 13th. In the House the president's message transmitting the supplementary Hawaiian correspondence to Congress was received and referred to the committee on foreign affairs. The joint resolution authorizing Gen. O. O. Howard to accept from the president of the French republic the decoration of the Legion of Honor was passed without objection.

JUDGE BRADLEY, of Washington, on the application of Judge Long, of Michigan, for a mandamus to restrain the commissioner of pensions from suspending the payment of the applicant's pension, has decided in favor of the applicant on the ground that one commission has not been received, and the law is legally adjudicated by his predecessor, except in cases where fraud is charged.

The weekly statement of the associated banks of New York for the week ended on the 13th showed the following changes: Reserve, increase, \$877,023; loans, decrease, \$622,290; specie, increase, \$7,220,200; deposits, increase, \$3,004,000; deposits, increase, \$3,359,100; circulation, decrease, \$53,000.

The Wilson avenue bridge of the Cleveland (O.) Electric Railway Co. was burned Saturday morning. The fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin. Eighteen motors and twelve trailers were consumed; loss, estimated at \$80,000.

ASSISTANT JUSTICE BREWER, of the eighth circuit, has reapportioned Eugene G. Hays United States attorney for the district of Minnesota, his term having expired and the president not having filled the vacancy.

The Central Labor union of Chicago, at the request of the police, decided to hold a street procession when they presented their petition for work to the city on the night of the 15th.

IMPORTS, exclusive of specie, at the port of New York for the week ended on the 13th were \$9,428,200, of which \$2,428,699 were general merchandise and \$6,999,500 specie.

## SPECIAL MESSAGE.

### From President Cleveland Transmitting to Congress.

The correspondence in the Hawaiian matter—Minister Willis instructs to suspend all negotiations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The long expected message transmitting the additional correspondence on Hawaiian matters was sent to the house of representatives immediately on assembling this morning.

### The Message.

The president's message of transmission was as follows: EXECUTIVE MESSAGES, JAN. 15, 1894. TO THE SENATE: Transmit herewith copies of all dispatches from our minister at Honolulu, Hawaii, since the date of the last communication to the Senate. The dispatches are as follows: A dispatch from our minister at Honolulu, Hawaii, dated January 15, 1894, containing a copy of a letter from our minister at Honolulu, Hawaii, to the Hawaiian government, dated January 15, 1894, in which the Hawaiian government is requested to suspend all negotiations with the Hawaiian government.

### A Lively Fight.

There is a lively fight on for postmaster of St. Louis. Col. John G. Gilchrist and Col. John H. Miller are the principal contestants for the position. Col. Gilchrist is a former postmaster of St. Louis, and Col. Miller is a former postmaster of St. Louis. The fight is expected to be a close one.

### The Episcopalian Convention at Moberly.

The Episcopalian convention at Moberly was quite interesting. The convention was held at the Moberly Hotel, and was attended by a large number of clergymen and laymen. The convention was held for the purpose of discussing the Hawaiian question.

### Cousins Elope.

Miss Florence Conkright, only daughter of J. H. Conkright, and Joseph G. Conkright, a son of a prosperous farmer, eloped from Selah.

### Deaths.

William Hunt, probably the oldest resident of Hamilton county, born in 1815, died near Hamilton.

### A Bad Fire.

A fire occurred at Bismarck, in which the Bismarck roller mill and elevator, belonging to A. D. Boss, and five dwelling houses were burned.

### Assaulted and Robbed.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Benne and their hired man were brutally assaulted and their farmhouse plundered by four negroes on the 11th.

### A Bold Robbery.

A masked man, pistol in hand, entered the jewelry store of Frank H. Nichols in St. Louis and compelled Ernest Nichols, who was in charge, to hand over six gold watches reported to be worth \$200. The thief escaped.

### An Embuzzler Arrested.

United States Marshal Hastel arrested, at Cleveland, O., J. A. Mack, alias Jos. E. Morgan, who about six months ago embezzled between \$15,000 and \$15,000 from the American national bank of Kansas City.

### Hydrophobia.

Hydrophobia in its most horrible form attacked little Maud Davis in St. Louis, and she died. She was bitten on the left hand by a pet dog two years ago.

### Pardoned by the Governor.

Thomas Green, a young man sent from Pike county to the penitentiary for five years for forging 50 cents, has been pardoned by the governor.

### In the Hands of an Assignee.

The Springfield zoological gardens, established at an expense of \$75,000, have gone into the hands of an assignee, Deeds, \$15,000.

### Robbed of Her Savings.

Mrs. Isabel Sleightholm, of Kansas City, was miserably assaulted and robbed of \$75, the results of years of saving, by a negro.

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## FAMOUS METEORIC STONES.

### The Largest Known Weighs 50,000 Pounds and Was Found in Greenland.

A meteoric stone, which is described by Flint as being as large as a wagon wheel, was found in Asia Minor in 1861. It is about 10 feet in diameter and weighs 50,000 pounds.

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